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LETTER DATED 1 SEPTEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that on the morning of 1 September, after flanking tank attacks from the territory of the Republic of Armenia and the occupied district centre of Djebrail, Armenian armed forces captured yet another regional centre in Azerbaijan, namely Kubatly. According to preliminary data, part of the civilian population in the north of the Kubatly region of Azerbaijan has been surrounded. According to eye-witness testimony, inhabited localities captured by the Armenians are being burned and civilian inhabitants who have been unable to evacuate are shot down on the spot.

Following the tank attack on the Kubatly district, the Armenian aggressors began preparations for a large-scale invasion of the Zangelan district of Azerbaijan. Throughout the night of 31 August-1 September, inhabited localities in the Zangelan district came under intensive artillery fire from the territory of Armenia. The population of Zangelan district and refugees from Kubatly district found themselves in a difficult situation, and many of them were killed.

The world community's failure to adopt the most decisive measures against Armenia's aggression in the Kelbajar and Agdam districts has led to the occupation of the Fizuli, Djebrail and Kubatly districts of Azerbaijan. The Zangelan district is in danger of falling. The result of the expansionist policy pursued with impunity by Armenia against Azerbaijan has been hundreds of civilian inhabitants dead and hundreds of thousands of refugees, along with the loss of a fifth of the territory of the Azerbaijani Republic.

Given the ever-expanding aggression by the Republic of Armenia against the Azerbaijani Republic, it is bewildering that the Security Council is not taking any effective measures to halt the capture of further territories and inhabited localities in Azerbaijan.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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